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ministrators, these studies are of particular value. A sentence in the introduction truly summarizes the underlying thought of the essays: "Through them run the notions of utilitarian idealism, constructive research, class partnership and administrative efficiency—a programme of progressive labor within social organization." No person interested in economic or in labor history can afford to be without this volume.

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DEWSNUP, E. R. *Freight Classification*, 4 vols., pp. ii, 304; TRIMPE, W. A. *Freight Claims*, pp. 62; MORTON, J. F. *Routing Freight Shipments*, pp. 27; STROMBECK, J. F. *Reducing Freight Charges to a Minimum*, pp. 68. Chicago: La Salle Extension University, 1913.

In addition to the *Atlas of Railway Traffic Maps*, previously mentioned in THE ANNALS, the La Salle Extension University has issued the above-named treatises on freight classification, freight claims, freight routing, and reducing freight charges. They are among the various lessons of an extensive course on interstate commerce now being prepared under the direction of that institution.

The description of freight classification was written by Prof. E. R. Dewsnup of the University of Illinois. After describing briefly the past development of classification it outlines in full the present application of the Official, Southern and Western classifications, the manner in which classifications are made, and the rules contained in the classification books. Volume four contains in convenient form for the use of students a series of appendices explaining territorial and technical traffic terms, abbreviations used in traffic publications, and the application of the leading classifications.

The remaining lessons are briefer and are presented in a more technical form. Mr. W. A. Trimpe of the Chicago bar describes the nature and kinds of freight claims, how, by whom, and to whom they are presented, the forms and documents used in making claims, and the manner in which they are handled. The lesson on reducing freight charges to a minimum was prepared by Mr. J. F. Strombeck, president of the Strombeck-Becker Manufacturing Company. It points out the methods by which shippers may assure to themselves the lowest available freight charges. Mr. J. F. Morton, assistant traffic director of the Chicago Association of Commerce in the lecture on routing freight shipments briefly discusses the ways in which the proper routing of freight benefits shippers. Being especially designed to assist young men who expect to enter or have entered some one of the many branches of interstate commerce, these lessons though brief are essentially practical.

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DUNN, SAMUEL O. *Government Ownership of Railways*. Pp. vii, 400. Price, \$1.50. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1913.

Mr. Dunn's book is a readable and clear presentation of issues that will confront the public in this country, if government ownership and management